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SUBJECT: ITALIAN PRESSCOVERAGE OF BREAK-UP OF CDS PARTY CONGRESS

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1. ITALIAN PRESS HAS GIVEN SUBSTANTIAL AND ESSENTIALLY STRAIGHT COVERAGE TO CDS CONGRESS BREAK-UP. APPARENTLY DRAWING ON WIRE-SERVICES MOST PAPERS REPORTED FACTS (AS WE UNDERSTAND THEM) INCLUDING LOCAL COMMUNIST INVOLVEMENT, DENIALS OF RESPONSIBILITY BY NATIONAL COMMUNIST PARTY, AND PETER KIRK COMMENTS ON CHANCES FOR DEMOCRACY IN PORTUGAL. AVANTI (SOCIALIST) ADDS THAT PARTICIPATION BY ELEMENTS OF "SOCIALIST YOUTH" WAS WITHOUT CENTRAL PARTY FOREKNOWLEDGE OR AUTHORIZATION.

2. PREDICTABLE POLITICAL SLANTING COLORS STORIES IN RIGHT AND LEFT-WING PRESS. LOTTA CONTINUA (EXTREME MARXIST LEFT) WRITES OFF CDS AS "REACTIONARY PARA-FASCIST." L'UNITA AND PAESE SERA (COMMUNIST) NOTE PORTUGUESE COMMUNIST PARTY'S DISAPPROVAL OF BREAK-UP AS CONTRARY TO "ORDER AND DEMOCRATIC LIBERTY" ESTABLISHED LAST APRIL, EVEN THOUGH CDS IS RE-ACTIONARY. L'UNITA HAS THE HOOLIGANS LED BY "TROTSKYITES AND ANARCHISTS." VOCE REPUBBLICANA (CONSERVATIVE) REPORTS
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PORTUGUESE COMMUNIST PARTY IS "OFFERING POLITICAL COVER TO

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EXTREMIST ACTIONS." CENTER-PAPER (IL POPOLO, DEOMCHRISTIAN) JANUARY 28 CARRIES FULL-PAGE SPREAD CHARGING COMMUNIST RESPONSIBILITY AND VIEWING IN MOST SOMBRE TERMS PROTUGAL'S POLITICAL FUTURE.

3. COMMENT: PLAY MIGHT HAVE BEEN HEAVIER HAD NOT SENSATIONAL ASSASSINATION OF TWO CARABINIERI IN CENTRAL ITALY BY A YOUNG "FASCIST" NOT DOMINATE PRESS OF LAST TWO DAYS. STORY ON SOARES ANNOUNCEMENT THAT SOCIALISTS WILL STAY IN GOVERNMENT IS NOW OVERTAKING INCIDENT IN PRESS. VOLPE

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